

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Francesco Bonfanti et al.
Serial No: 10/524,592
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Title: Films and Compound Films with an Embossed Pattern, Particularly
for Producing Electrochemical Components
Examiner: Gerard T. Higgins
Art Unit: 4174

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 11/15/2007

An office action dated 11/15/2007 has been received. The office action is directed to claims 12-22 submitted 2/15/2007.

It is respectfully submitted that a second preliminary amendment was filed on August 3, 2005: this amendment canceled claims 12-19, amended claim 20 and added new claims 33 so that claims 20 to 33 are pending in the application.

A copy of the preliminary amendment as filed by fax on August 3, 2005, is attached. A proper **Certificate of Transmission** signed by the undersigned appears on the first page of the amendment and is proper evidence of the filing of the amendment on 8/3/2005.

As further evidence of the transmission is a copy of the fax report of the fax machine of the undersigned showing successful transmission of 5 pages to fax # 001- 571-273-8300 on August 3, 2005, is attached (note that the undersigned is residing in Germany and the date format is DAY/MONTH/YEAR).

Also attached as further evidence is a copy of the fax journal of the week of August 1 through August 8, 2005, showing the transmission to fax # 001- 571-273-8300 - the

official USPTO fax number for amendments.

The second preliminary amendment was filed in view of the prior art references submitted on 7/12/2005 and the claims were amended to define over the prior art and advance prosecution.

As the amendment apparently was lost at the USPTO but was timely filed after the applicant became aware of the prior art submitted 7/12/2005, it is respectfully requested that the office action of 11/15/2007 be vacated and a new office action based on claims 20-33 be issued.

Respectfully submitted on December 9, 2007,

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- fax report (1 page)
- fax journal (1 page)